KALP NATH RAI): (a) Due to increase in project cost, the Government of India have formulated a new incentive scheme for new sugar factories and expansion projects. Under this Scheme, new sugar factories and restructured units would be entitled to 100 per cent free sale quota for 8 years in "High Recovery Areas" and 100 per cent for 9 years and 66 per cent free sale for the 10th year in "Other Recovery Areas". In case of expansion projects, free sale entitlement of sugar would be 100 per cent for 5 years in "High Recovery Areas" and 100 per cent for 6 years in "Other Recovery Areas".

(b) The Government had directed the National Sugar Institute, Kanpur to organise a Seminar in association with the sugar industry to bring the quality of sugar at par with International Sugar Standards. Accordingly, a Seminar was organised for this purpose on 10.4.93 and the recommendations of this Seminar would be forwarded to he sugar factories for implementation.

Procurement of Wheat

566. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat procurement during the marketing season this year is likely to fall shor by 15 lakh tonnes;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to meet the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Procurement of wheat for the Central Pool is being made, as in the past, by Food Corporation of India in close collaboration with State Govrenments/ State procuring agencies under the price support scheme at procurement price fixed by hte Government on a totally voluntary basis and no targets as such can be fixed. Till 28.4.1993, a quantity of 29.48 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured during the current 1993-94 rabi marketing season as compared to 20.83 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period last year.

Stock of wheat and rice

567. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the buffer stock norm for wheat and rice;

(b) what is the position of the central pool stock for wheat and rice;

(c) whether Government contemplate to import wheat to enhance stock of wheat; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The buffer stock norms, inclusive of stocks held by State Agencies are as given below:

(In Million Tonnes)

Date	Wheat	Rice	Total
1st April	3.7	10.8	14.5
1st July	13.1	9.2	22.3
1st October	10.6	6.0	16.6
1st January	7.7	7.7	15.4

(b) As per information provided by the Food Corporation of India, the provisional stocks of rice and wheat in the Central Pool as on 1.4.93 are as under:—

	(Million Tonnes
Rice	9.9
Wheat	2.7

(c) and (d) No additional wheat beyond 29.90 lakh tonnes, which had been contracted during June-October, 1992, is proposed to be imported as of now, keeping in view the better production and procurement prospects in 1993-94.

Setting up of Sugar Factories

568. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar factories to be set up in the Eighth Five Year Plan in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the target of sugar production per annum in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) what would be the total sugar factories in cooperative sector to be set up and specially in Maharashtra; and

(d) what would be the share of backward regions of Maharahtra like Marathwada and Vidarbha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The number of sugar factories to be set up during the 8th Five Year Plan would depend upon the licences issued, the availability of funds from financial institutions, and the capacity of sugar plant & machinery suppliers etc.

(b) The Committee constituted to formulate the developfent programme for Sugar Industry had, in its Report, recommended the following targets of sugar production for different years of the present Eighth Five Year Plan period:

Year	Target of production (in lakh tonnes)
1992-93 . .	121.68
1993-94 . .	127-76
1994-95 . .	134.13
1995-96 . .	140.84
1996-97 . .	147.88

(c) and (d) The targets of licensed and installed capacity have been fixed for the country as a whole. No break-up, Sector-wise or State-wise, has been made so far.

Production of Sugar during the Eighth Five Year Plan

569. SHRI VIATHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the target of sugar production in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what would be the domestic consumption and export quota during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Food has accepted to form three sugar zones in Maharashtra; and

(d) what is the period accepted for free sale of sugar for new sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Committee constituted to formulate the development programme for sugar indus-